

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An ink jet recording apparatus comprises a recording head for recording data on a recording medium by discharging ink from a plurality of discharge ports, a carriage having the recording head mounted thereon for reciprocally scanning the surface of said recording medium, recording medium carrying means for carrying said recording medium by a predetermined distance in the direction perpendicular to said scanning direction of the carriage each time the carriage reciprocally scans the surface of said recording medium, an ink storage tank placed in a position where reciprocal scanning by said carriage and carrying of said recording medium by said recording medium carrying means are not affected by the ink storage tank, a supply tube for supplying ink from the ink storage tank to said recording head, and said control means for controlling ink discharge states of said recording head in accordance with an image signal input from a host computer, wherein said control means controls the scanning speed of said carriage in accordance with the temperature of the ink supplied from said ink tank to said ink supply tube.